



St. Mary-St. Catherine Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts ▪ Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

stmarystcatherine.org

August 25, 2019

Welcome! To visitors to our Parish, to those who have recently moved into the area and to those comfortable and nourished here—*Welcome To All*. And, regardless of your status in the Church, your marital state, your ethnicity, your prior religious experience, your personal history, background or sexual orientation, please know that you are accepted and respected at Saint Mary–Saint Catherine of Siena Parish. Please introduce yourself to the priest and register as a member of our Parish.

Mission Saint Mary–Saint Catherine of Siena is an urban, Roman Catholic Parish formed in 2006 from two historic Charlestown parishes. We are an intentionally inclusive community welcoming all of the many people who make up our diverse neighborhood. Because our lives are nourished by the Eucharist, we strive to build a vibrant Parish that develops and strengthens our faith and worship. With a goal of being community-oriented in the Spirit of the Gospel, we are involved in the local and global issues of our times. We are therefore dedicated to service, action, and compassion

Misión St. Mary's–St. Catherine of Siena es una parroquia urbana, Católica Romana, formada en 2006 de la unión de dos parroquias históricas de Charlestown. Somos una comunidad intencionalmente inclusiva que acoge a toda clase de personas que constituyen nuestro diverso vecindario. Porque nuestras vidas están alimentadas por la Eucaristía, nuestra intención es establecer una parroquia vibrante que desarrolle y fortifique nuestra fe y nuestro culto. Con la meta de estar orientados hacia la comunidad en el Espíritu del Evangelio, estamos comprometidos en los asuntos locales y globales de nuestros tiempos. Estamos, por lo tanto, dedicados al servicio, a la acción y a la compasión.

LIVING WITH A DOG



Children, by their very nature, are open to so much they find all around them, whether it is in the sky, in the air or under the sea. Whether in forests or cities, a young person can sense, feel and know so much. There is that magical capacity of a child that seems to absorb and learn – even though there is no obvious lesson around. Further, children know if people like them before there is any clear evidence one way or the other. All of this and so much more we experience around our children. Many of us lose some of these gifts as we grow older. I think we shift our experiences from the heart and senses to the head!

I have come to believe that dogs, in their own way, often have some of the abilities of a child. Those of us, who are so blessed to have lived with a dog, have many stories about amazing, unexpected behaviors on the part of our pets. They are stories of awareness, helping, responding, anticipating and apparently understanding and appreciating and so much more. There are many examples.

On the topic of how a dog has helped a person deal with grief and loss, there are numerous accounts and, frankly from an objective point of view, they are almost hard to believe. Yet I now know they are likely true. The presence of dogs among the elderly and infirm is an increasing phenomenon and for a good reason. Dogs can reach people where they find them, even if that person is suffering from dementia, severe handicaps or Alzheimer's disease.

On more than one occasion, on request, I have brought Lily, my English Labrador retriever, into a hospice unit to comfort a dying patient. The situations were difficult: sounds, smells and many off-putting aspects of the scene. However, Lily, with my leading her, passed by all of this and any other distraction, to go to the suffering person and allowed herself to be patted – licking the hand of the terminally ill person. The effect was a joy to behold.

The more I live around dogs, and that certainly is easy to do in Charlestown, the more I am amazed and humbled by the beauty and gift of this animal. Increasingly, I realize that a pet, a living, breathing miracle of creation, is none oth-



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Mass Schedule

Saturday – St. Mary Church

4:00 p.m.

Sunday – St. Mary Church

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Family Mass

6:00 p.m. (in Chapel during Summer months)

Daily Mass Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. at **St. Catherine of Siena Chapel** (entrance on Soley St. side of Church)

Holidays 9:00 a.m. in Chapel

Reconciliation 3:45 p.m. Saturday in Church or by appointment

Baptism Visit stmarystcatherine.org/sacraments/ for our 2017 schedule or call Sr. Nancy at (617) 242-4664. Preparation classes are held for Parents and Godparents on the preceding Friday of the monthly baptism at 7PM in the Parish Center.

Pastor

Fr. James J. Ronan

Pastoral Associate

Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN

Business Manager

James Santosuosso

Social Ministry Director

Thomas J. MacDonald

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Director of Music

Katie O'Reilly (Interim)

Administrative Assistant

Dianne Ludy

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Fr. Jerome Gillespie

Fr. Ken Chemizie O.C.D.

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Fr. Pat Universal

Hispanic Ministry

Blanca Paz

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er than one more of God's wonders. When one lives with a dog for awhile, one can see and appreciate the wonder of God's work of creation. And if one becomes too busy to notice all of this, in all likelihood a good dog will change that. When I have been working long hours and have not taken a break, Lily is in the habit of walking over to my desk and poking me with her snout – it is time to quit and go for a walk – and she is right!

I had an old uncle who once told me a wonderful Irish saying: "You can always tell a poor man, because he has a dog. You can always tell a very poor man, because he has two dogs!" When I look at Lily snoring on the other side of the office, I think, maybe I am not poor enough; and then I look again and know I am very rich.

~ Fr. Ronan ~



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 24/25, 2019

The Gospel reading today starts with a question: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Jesus offers only a simple reply: Strive to enter through the narrow gate. Many will try to enter and will not be able. Good stewards know there is only one, narrow gate. Not everything

will fit. This narrow gate has no room for our accomplishments. No room for our money. No room for our possessions. No room for anything else but those who've been good stewards of the Gospel. We can't custom build our own gates either. There is only one, narrow gate that happens to be open for a time, but for how long? What is our plan of action to get through that gate?

Our Stewardship Prayer by the Welcoming Committee



Heavenly Father, instill in our hearts a spirit of love and compassion. May we foster a welcoming parish community with acceptance and respect for all. Inspire us to make a difference by being generous with our time and talents. Please send your Holy Spirit among us to remind us to follow Jesus and his teachings in all aspects of our lives. As we end this Mass, may we go forth and spread goodwill among our neighbors, friends, and fellow parishioners. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

**The Church is handicap-accessible on Soley Street.
The Chapel is handicap-accessible on Winthrop Street.**

**Parish Center
& Eucharistic Chapel**
46 Winthrop Street 617-242-4664

Saint Mary Church
55 Warren Street

Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel
Warren and Soley Street

Social Ministry Office
49 Vine Street 617-580-8305

Good Shepherd School
20 Winthrop Street 617-242-8800



Un inglés, Hillaire Belloc, miembro del parlamento desde 1906-1910, fue abucheado por la gente durante la campaña electoral por ser católico. Belloc les respondió: "Señores, yo soy católico. Voy a misa todos los días si me es posible. Y esto que tengo en las manos es un rosario y me arrodillo para rezarlo. Si ustedes me rechazan por mi religión, agradezco a Dios que me haya ahorrado la indignidad de ser su representante". La multitud asombrada respondió con aplausos. Belloc puso a Dios en primer lugar.

Thomas More, canciller de Inglaterra, dimitió el día en que el parlamento aprobó una ley por la cual todo el clero tenía que reconocer a Enrique VIII como cabeza de la Iglesia. Thomas More se negó y fue decapitado en 1535. Sus últimas palabras fueron: "Buen servidor del Rey, pero de Dios primero". Esta valentía para proclamar a Dios frente a los enemigos es la puerta estrecha de la salvación.

"Señor, ¿serán pocos los que se salven?" Pregunta que ya muchos no se hacen. Se sienten salvados por la cuenta corriente en el banco, por la ciencia, el progreso...y pasan de Dios y de su más allá. Todo lo que hay que ver y disfrutar está en el aquí y ahora. Hoy vivimos inmersos en la cultura de lo trivial y efímero. Hacerse grandes preguntas que nadie puede responder es un despropósito. Los creyentes, los aquí reunidos en la asamblea dominical, no podemos imaginar el futuro sin el discurso religioso, sin preguntarnos por la salvación, sin el más allá de Dios, el Dios siempre venidero.

Los que hicieron la pregunta a Jesús, los judíos del siglo primero, se sabían "el pueblo elegido" con derecho automático a la salvación. La salvación estaba incluida en el menú del ser judío. ¿Está incluida la salvación en el menú del ser católico?

Muchos se acercan al cura y le dicen: Yo fui bautizado en la Iglesia. Yo fui a un colegio de curas y nos obligaban a ir a misa todos los días. Yo hasta me he casado por la Iglesia. Yo ya oí misas para el resto de mi vida. Un pasado bonito pero insuficiente. "No sé quien eres". ¿Y hoy cómo vives la fe que salva? He dejado todas esas niñerías y me he enrolado en la gran fiesta del mundo. Estar en los caminos del Señor es una tarea de todos los días. Hoy, no ayer, tengo que responder a Dios. Hoy, no ayer, tengo que aceptar su regalo salvador. Hoy, no ayer, tengo que profesar mi fe también en público.

Belloc y Thomas More confesaron públicamente su fe y entraron por la puerta estrecha que exige amar a Dios como el primer y el gran bien y como el amor primero y aun perdonar al verdugo en nombre de Dios. La salvación es para todos, judíos y gentiles. Nosotros estamos aquí no para decir un domingo más "ya hemos cumplido". Estamos aquí porque queremos estar siempre con Él. En la Iglesia ha habido y habrá predicadores para todos los gustos. El gran Orígenes, pilar de la Iglesia, sostenía que todos los seres racionales, incluido el diablo y sus ángeles serían admitidos a la salvación mediante la gracia de Dios y elegirían amar libremente a Dios.

Durante siglos los predicadores han amenazado a los creyentes con el humo, el fuego y el azufre infernal y los no bautizados, los que no pertenecían al club, esos ya estaban condenados. Hoy, más libres, más esperanzados y más convencidos de que la salvación no es obra nuestra ni una medalla olímpica que ganamos tras muchos trabajos y sufrimientos, confiamos con humildad en la misericordia de Dios que nos salvará a pesar de nuestros muchos pecados, a pesar de nosotros mismos. Con Orígenes y otros muchos, yo creo que no hay que hacer nada para salvarse, basta querer y creer. El evangelio es sólo buena noticia para todos. Sólo Dios tiene la última palabra, no los hombres. Sí, si hay cielo es para todos y no sólo para los miembros ricos del club



**POPE ST. JOHN XXIII
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38th Annual Lawn Party to benefit seminarians

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts is hosting its 38th Annual Lawn Party on Wednesday, September 25th, at 6:00 P.M. on the grounds of the Seminary. This premiere fundraising event is hosted by His Eminence, Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap. The evening will include a reception and dinner with music. Located on Route 30 in Weston, the Seminary prepares second career candidates, men over the age of 30, for priesthood. The proceeds from the Lawn Party help to keep tuition costs afford-

able. You can make a difference and encourage the vocations of these men through your support of the Lawn Party.

For tickets: <http://www.psjns.edu/lawn-party> or call 781-810-1923.



Family Faith Formation and Religious Education Grades K-8

The beginning of our new year of Faith Formation is quickly approaching! We will kick off our year for both Sunday and Tuesday classes on **Catechetical Sunday, September 15, 2019 at 9:00 am at the Parish Center followed by Mass at 10:30.** Please join us for light refreshments, an opening family activity, and a Meet the Teacher event followed by Mass during which students, parents and teachers will receive a special blessing. Please be sure to register your child as soon as possible to ensure they have a spot.

Religious Education classes take place on Sunday mornings from 9-10:15, followed by Mass at 10:30 for both Sunday and Tuesday students and families.

Tuesday afternoon classes are also available from 4-5:15 pm (no Kindergarten classes on Tuesdays).

Registration forms can be found in the Parish Office, and on our parish website. For any additional questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Katy Fleming at kfleming@stmaryscatherine.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SEPTEMBER 2019

September 15 @ 9 am - Kick Off event at Parish Center; 10:30 Mass for Sunday and Tuesday students and families

September 22 @9 am - Class for all students (Both Sunday and Tuesday classes together); 10:30 Mass/students and families

September 29 @9 am - Class for all students (Both Sunday and Tuesday classes together); 10:30 Mass/students and families

October 6, 2019 @9am - Class for all students (Both Sunday and Tuesday classes together); 10:30 Mass/students and families

October 13, Columbus Day. No Class

Tuesday classes start on Tuesday, October 22, 2019.

Volunteers for Faith Formation

We are always seeking more help with our Faith Formation Program. Please consider assisting with our program in any way that you are able. For more information, contact Katy Fleming at kfleming@stmaryscatherine.org.



2019/2020 High School Confirmation Program (Grades 9

through 12) is now open for registration. Classes will meet on Sunday evenings, following the 6pm Mass. Please see our website stmaryscatherine.org/education for registration link and schedule information. Parent and Student meeting September 15 following the 6pm Mass.



RISING THIRD GRADE FAMILIES: Please join us Thursday September 12 at 6pm

at the Parish Center for our First Annual COMMUNION REUNION! While we know making your First Communion was an exciting celebration, we invite you to come back to continue to learn about Faith Formation and how to put Faith into action. At our event on September 12, we will have a pizza dinner and discuss how the third grade curriculum involves service and continuing to build upon the foundation we created in Grades 1 and 2. RSVP by emailing kfleming@stmaryscatherine.org, or calling the office at 617-242-4664



The Sacrament of Penance

Everyone knows that going to Confession is not as common as it was years ago. Some of the parishioners can't remember when confession was a weekly part of the life of many Catholics. At the same time, this sacrament continues as a precious gift to the Church and is available to all of us. You will notice in each Church, space put aside for the Sacrament and a priest available each Saturday afternoon from 3:30 – 3:45. You can also call the office to schedule an appointment with the Pastor at 617-242-4664. Take advantage of the gift that is ours in this sacrament of God's loving mercy.



Save the date!
Sunday, September 29, 2019

Annual Block Party
Right after the 10:30 Mass on the Soley Street side of the Church.



Annual block Party
Communion Reunion
Confession
Confirmation - grades 9 - 12
Eucharistic Adoration
Religious Ed - K-8
Rosary
Senior Luncheon



We're calling for volunteers to assist with setting up or those who have some grill skills as well as those who can help clean up. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office at 617-242-4664. There will be lots of food and fun activities for the whole family! Please



SAVE THE DATE
TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 10
AT 11:30 AM

Please join us on Tuesday, September 10th at

11:30 am in the church hall for the upcoming monthly senior lunch!

So that we can purchase enough food, please RSVP to: Dianne Ludy at 617-242-4664 or dludy@stmaryscatherine.org by Friday, August 9th. We hope to see you there!

Pictured below is (left to right) Janet Meuse, Janice Roden and Noelle Delaney who have been hosting the Senior Luncheon and making it a success!



Rosary for Peace
First Saturday
September 7
@ 9:00 AM

Parish Center

46 Winthrop Street

Please join us to pray the Rosary
Please, invite your family and friends to join us,
All are most welcome

Eucharistic Adoration Join us for Eucharistic Adoration in the Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel each Friday; from 5:30 to 6:30

In the midst of the busy days we all know; in the down times and in moments when our hearts seek peace and consolation – spend time before the Most Blessed Sacrament – in quiet with the Lord Jesus.



FYI Labor Day - September 2nd, the office is closed and the daily Mass is at 9:00 AM in the Chapel.

"There are two loves, the love of God and the love of the world. If the love of the world takes possession of you, there is no way for the love of God to enter into you. Let the love of the world take the second place, and let the love of God dwell in you. Let the better love take over."

— St. Augustine





Please pray for those serving in our Armed Forces and their families:

- Ralph Rizzo, Jr. (Marines)
- Joseph Upton, Jr. (Marines)
- Kenneth (Army)
- Jackie Walsh (Army)

If you have a loved one serving in the military, please contact the Parish at 617-242-4664.

MASS SCHEDULE

- SATURDAY 08/24**
4:00 PM + EMMA MAHONEY
- SUNDAY 08/25**
8:00 AM + CATHERINE NOONAN
10:30 AM + MARION BURR & SHIRLEY DUBE
6:00 PM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS
- **ROSARY SAID BEFORE DAILY MASS**
- MONDAY 08/26**
8:00 AM
- TUESDAY 08/27**
8:00 AM
- WEDNESDAY - 08/28**
8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD
- THURSDAY 08/29**
- FRIDAY 08/30**
8:00 AM + BAO TRAM DOAN
- 5:30 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**
- SATURDAY 08/31**
4:00 PM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS
- SUNDAY 09/01**
8:00 AM
10:30 AM
6:00 PM PARISHIONERS INTENTIONS
- **6:00 PM MASSES IN CHAPEL - SOLEY STREET SIDE**



Sanctuary Lamp in St Mary Church Is lit for Joseph F. Jansen



Resquiescat in Pace Chief Warrant Officer William V. "Bill" Roche



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I John Kitchura & Christina Mule

ATTENDANCE

SAT 08/17	4:00 PM -	81
SUN 08/18	8:00 AM -	89
SUN 08/18	10:30 AM -	90
SUN 08/18	6:00 PM -	60
TOTAL:		320

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

- September 8 Monthly
- September 15 Clergy Benefit Trust



Weekend of 08/18/2019

Parishioners contributed:
\$ 4,371.50
 To the Weekly Collection
\$1,212.00
 To the Monthly Collection
 And
\$308.00 for Feast of the Assumption

Thank you for your continued support

PARISH MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- CHRISTMAS CAROLERS
- HARVEST ON VINE
- PRISON MINISTRY
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
- ZELMA LACY ASSISTED LIVING

FAITH FORMATION & ENRICHMENT

- ADULT CONFIRMATION
- BAPTISM TEAM
- CENTERING PRAYER
- CONFIRMATION
- CURSILLO
- FAITH SHARING
- PRAYER FOR PEACE
- RCIA
- RELIGIOUS ED K - 8

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

- ALTAR SERVERS
- ALTAR SOCIETY
- ARIMATHEA SOCIETY
- CANA SOCIETY
- EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
- GREETERS
- LECTORS
- MUSIC MINISTRY
- ST. MATTHEW SOCIETY
- USHERS

PARISH COUNCILS

- FINANCE COUNCIL
- PASTORAL COUNCIL
- STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE & WELCOMING COMMITTEE

SOCIAL GROUPS

- CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS IN CHARLESTOWN (CYAC)
- COFFEE HOUR
- PLAYGROUP

To learn more and/or become involved contact us at 617-242-4664 and check out the web site!

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